

**Flathead County  
EMS Advisory Committee  
May 3, 2010**

**Attendees:**

Kris Long	Cody Westgard
Mary Granger	Lance Westgard
Jerry Thornburg	Scott Miller
Louise Tidwell	Rodney Dresbach
John leach	Kim Vierra-Diehl
Amy Metcalfe	Mark Peck
Amanda Norenberg	Scott Sampey

Called to Order at 6:10

Agenda Approved

Minutes Approved for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Bylaws Approved

Training subcommittee (Rocco) April 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

Rocco not in attendance, Mary let the committee know the intentions of the training committee to develop an online training program. This will reduce the amount of classroom time and help manage provider training. Next Meeting for training committee is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> 2010, 5 PM @ 911 Center

Operations subcommittee (John Leach) April 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

See minutes posted

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> 2010, 8 AM at 911 Center – Darla Katzenmeyer from Badrock Fire agreed to join this group.

4-19-10 Administrative Board Meeting report (Mary)

Minutes available at [flathead.mt.gov/ems](http://flathead.mt.gov/ems)

Mary explained that we submitted the recommended formula established by the User Group.

After submitting the formula the Board stated they would like to see the formula reflect a greater reward for readiness. The board suggested 65/35. The Co-chairpersons agreed to bring the formula to the operations sub-committee on 4-26-2010, the committee was also asked to include Dan Diehl KFD and Tom Kennelly WFF.

4-26-10 Operations Subcommittee report (Kris)

Kris explained the subcommittee met to discuss the funding formula exclusively. After running the ratio as the board asked, the committee came to the conclusion that 60% readiness is not favoring those units staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. The committee experimented with 40% readiness and 60% operations. They also added a unit component that displays the agencies ambulance readiness. 1 unit is 1 ambulance ready to respond to the above criteria. The operations subcommittee agreed to deliver the funding formula discussed at this meeting with the agreement that the original formula would be the Advisory Committee's recommendation.

4-27-10 Administrative Board meeting Addendum report (Kris)

The Administrative Board reconvened Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> to take action on the funding formula. Kris and Mary presented the original formula to the Board and maintained that the Advisory committee had voted and approved the 50/50 funding formula recommendation. Kris also presented the 60/40 formula

that the board had asked to see, and the 40/60 formula. The 40/60 formula was agreed on by Chief Diehl and Chief Kennelly. After discussion the Board voted to approve the 40/60 formula. The other action taken at the meeting was to approve funding to hire an interim EMS manager. This was also approved

#### EMS Manager's report

Scott Sampey (the new director of OES) was introduced and given a quick overview of the Agencies and county demographics.

#### Medical Director's report

Dr. Briles not in attendance, Mary explained all agencies will begin documenting and reporting endorsement skills, both use and practice. More to come on this after Dr. Briles decides what endorsement skills he wants reported and tracked.

#### Input on Creating a Plan (Mary and Kris)

Who is going to write the plan? Mary explained the need for the process to begin. Mary asked the committee to contemplate asking the Board to hire a consultant to write or guide the plan writing process. Peck suggested the benchmarking process. Use the resources we have in the valley to educate and rely on the expertise available. A combination of internal expertise and an outside impartial party could be used to develop the plan. The Operations subcommittee asked Scott Sampey and Scott Miller to attend the meeting and brainstorm goals.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm